

6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 12th, 2023

10:30 a.m.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan - Pastor
Dana Hendrix– Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
John Lasater – Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tracy Horton, Henry Naff, and Leslie & Doug Matthews
Technicians: Matt Casey (video) and Matthew Lowe(audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Narrative Lectionary, Year 1.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Scripture Reference, Topic. Rows include Feb. 12 (Matthew 13:24-43, Wheat and Weeds), Feb. 19 (Matthew 16:24-17:8, The Transfiguration), Feb. 22 (Ash Wed) (Matthew 18:1-9, Who Is the Greatest?), Feb. 26 (Matthew 18:15-35, Forgiveness)

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dotty Barbour from her family.

PASTOR SARAH IS OUT OF THE OFFICE this week for continuing education.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WEEKEND: This weekend, 2nd Presbyterian Church joins with other houses of worship in Knoxville to proclaim a message of love, respect, and kindness.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON will take place in the fellowship hall following worship TODAY. The Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon is a fundraiser to support the hungry here in Knoxville. Our students will be collecting nonperishable food items and donations for hunger relief. The Annual Report for 2022 and the budget for 2023 will be presented and we will be electing officers of the corporation.

SCOUT SUNDAY is NEXT Sunday, February 19th. For over 100 years Boy Scouts has enjoyed the support of religious organizations. Our own Troop 6 was founded on January 29, 1915, and is the oldest troop in the Great Smoky Mountain Council. Second Presbyterian Church has been the charter organization since 1916. We will celebrate this long history of common service together, as members of Troop 6, and their families will join us in worship.

ASH WEDNESDAY: The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd. We will celebrate with a service of Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #366

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 78:1-8 p. 537 OT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM A Jubilant Song Allen Pote

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 p. 13 NT
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Sarah Morgan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD
Offertory I Love You, Lord Klein/ Arr. Fred Bock
Response Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606
Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Confession of 1967
New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which the people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

HYMN OF SENDING What Is the World Like #771 v. 1,3,5

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Anna Laura Page

PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE Hymns of Adoration Don Wyrzten

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.
All: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.
One: Jesus calls us to bear spiritual fruit.
All: May we bless and build up others for the reign of God.
One: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.
All: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed, and may we grow in this time of worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE All People That on Earth Do Dwell #385

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know, too, when we sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace. When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive us; forgive our selfish ways. Plant within us your gifts of love and mercy, so that we might live faithfully in your kingdom, bearing fruit that enriches the lives of all your children, bringing glory and honor to your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE
One: God remembers us and leads us in ways of truth and justice. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are loved, restored, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, an ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the Registration Pad found on the table and pass it around.

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Souper Bowl of Caring

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES
All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.



We are currently in Covid Phase GREEN. There are no Covid precautions.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down the front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live-streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. A **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in the Mary Chambers Room following worship this morning due to the Souper Bowl luncheon. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for lunch.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GROUP will meet next Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. We will have representatives from the Emerald Youth Foundation sharing about their organization and how they serve the youth within the inner city. Also, we will continue with our bible study. All are welcome!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: This past summer, the Session approved funding for needed renovations and repairs to the Preschool building. Over the last several months, Charles White has overseen the renovations, which are almost complete. The congregation is invited to come and tour the building TODAY, following our Annual Congregational Meeting.

GROW

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word*.

PRESBYTERY BIBLE STUDY ON GENESIS: The virtual/in-person Bible study of Genesis concludes today in the Barbour Room at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff leads the study from a different location each week. Participants may also join via Zoom from home each week.

A STUDY GROUP ON POVERTY meets on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church Library to discuss pragmatic first steps that may be taken to end poverty in America. Contact Kathy at kduggan55@gmail.com for more information.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & BOOK DISCUSSION: Our Lenten devotional book will be *Lent of Liberation* by Cheri L. Mills. We will meet to discuss the book on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent. The book is available at all major online bookstores, however, if you would like to order a book through the church, call the church office no later than tomorrow, Monday, **February 13th** at 12:00 noon. (For more information, see February's 2nd Edition.)

GO

CAGLE TERRACE is affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in West Knoxville. Overseen by the KCDC, the main public housing and redevelopment authority in Knoxville, Cagle has two high-rise buildings for residents aged 62 and over, along with disabled people. Since TSNAP/food stamps cannot be used to buy many needed items for daily living, the KCDC asked for help from our church to provide cleaning supplies for the residents. There is a basket outside the church office to collect the items. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, February 12th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl of Caring (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study on Genesis (Barbour Room)

Monday, February 13th

- 6:00 p.m. GROW team (Zoom)

Tuesday, February 14th

- 9:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, February 15th

- 10:00 a.m. CCR & R (Barbour Room)
- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)
- 7:00 p.m. Evict Book Study/Call to Action (Library)

Thursday, February 16th

- 10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)
- 2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Atrium)

Sunday, February 19th

- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship (Mary Chambers Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Fran McLean, Elsie Dodson, Leilla White, Kennedy Wilson, Jerry Young, Arlys Milligan, Beverli White, and Peter Douglas Hamilton.

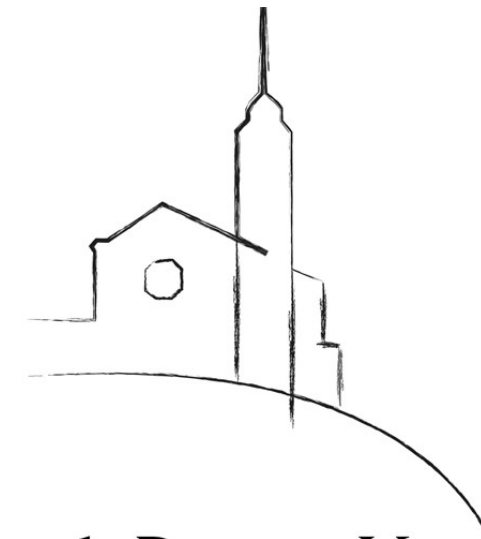
*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



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Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace, we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community, following Jesus and serving him in the world.

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Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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